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FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

SPONSOR: Feldman DATE TYPED: 02/13/03 HB _____

SHORT TITLE: Prescription Drug Programs SB 160a/SPAC

ANALYST: Hayes

APPROPRIATION

Appropriation Contained		Estimated Additional Impact		Recurring or Non-Rec	Fund Affected
FY03	FY04	FY03	FY04		
	\$25.0			Recurring	General Fund

(Parenthesis () Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

Relates to Appropriation in the General Appropriation Act

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

Responses Received From
State Agency on Aging (AOA)

SUMMARY

Synopsis of SPAC Amendment

The Senate Public Affairs Committee strikes the word “physicians” on line 20 and replaces it with the term “health care givers” which broadens the consultation group.

Synopsis of Original Bill

Senate Bill 160 appropriates \$25.0 from the general fund to the State Agency on Aging for the purpose of developing prescription drug education and outreach programs to promote understanding, awareness and therapeutic consultation between patients, physicians and pharmacists.

Significant Issues

Seniors and the disabled population have the highest out of pocket costs for prescription drugs and, typically, are steered by the marketing practices of drug manufacturers toward the costliest medications. Coordinated educational efforts to assist these populations in choosing the regimen

most beneficial would save money and improve health status. It is important that the physician and pharmacist work together to assist individuals in making the most appropriate choices.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

The appropriation of \$25.0 contained in this bill is a recurring expense to the general fund. Any unexpended or unencumbered balance remaining at the end of fiscal year 2004 shall revert to the general fund.

ADMINISTRATIVE IMPLICATIONS

The AOA does not need additional resources to carry out the provisions of SB 160. The \$25,000 is an increase to an existing program.

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